

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON **H.3279**

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TO:	The Honorable Robert Walker, Chairman, House Education and Public Works Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Mobility Development Authority		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES IS:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3279 establishes the Mobility Development Authority within the State Budget and Control Board. The Authority would be responsible for developing and coordinating a general mass transit program and policy for the State. In addition, all public transportation duties, responsibilities and funding of the Departments of Social Services, Transportation, Mental Health, Disabilities and Special Needs, and Health and Human Services would be devolved upon this Authority.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

State Budget and Control Board (BC&B)

A review of this Bill by the Board indicates there will be no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

DOT has recurring General Fund appropriations of \$100,990 for mass transit. In addition, Section 12-28-2725 directs one quarter of one cent of gas tax revenue ".... must be used by the Department for mass transit". Total gas tax revenue (other funds) dedicated to mass transit is \$6 million. Federal funds received by DOT for mass transit total approximately \$16.6 million. All three sources of funds total \$22.7 million. There are eighteen full time positions and five partial or support positions dedicated to mass transit at DOT.

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

DMH has indicated the Department's transportation budget is \$1 million in General Funds and \$2.1million in Other Funds. The Department provides individualized transportation to DMH programs, medical and court appointments, employment, and other destinations to clients at facilities and mental health centers across the state.

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN)

DDSN indicates that based on most recent surveys of regional centers and county boards, the cost of providing client transportation includes \$2.5 million in General Funds and almost \$6 million in Other Funds. DDSN provides individualized transportation services statewide to a diverse group of clients with varying disabilities such as mental retardation, autism, and head and spinal cord injuries. DDSN transports clients to and from work activities, medical appointments, daily group activities, and regional outings. The type of

transportation provided (on-demand access or route) is dependent upon the particular individual's medical, behavioral, or safety issues as well as the type of residential setting.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

DHHS is responsible for Title XIX Medicaid transportation services. The Medicaid transportation program provides transportation for Medicaid recipients to medical providers. Medicaid transportation also includes ambulance services. State General Funds dedicated to these transportation services in FY 06 totaled \$16.3 million, while Federal and/or Other Funds totaled \$37.2 million. Six FTEs (3.0 State and 3.0 Federal) are dedicated to coordinating these transportation services. Administration of these services through the Mobility Development Authority may result in additional administration costs, but they are expected to be minimal and could be absorbed.

Department of Social Services (DSS)

The Department indicates that there would be no impact on the General Fund of the State or Federal and/or Other Funds as the agency has no public transportation duties, responsibilities, or funding.

<u>Estimated Agency Transportation Funds</u>			
	State <u>General Funds</u>	Federal and/or <u>Other Funds</u>	Total <u>Funds</u>
Department of Transportation	\$ 100,990	\$ 22,600,000	\$ 22,700,990
Department of Mental Health	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 3,100,000
Department of Disabilities & Special Needs	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 8,500,000
Department of Health & Human Services	\$ 16,300,000	\$ 37,200,000	\$ 53,500,000
Department of Social Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 19,900,990	\$ 67,900,000	\$ 87,800,990

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

It is assumed the Mobility Development Authority would provide and replicate all the transportation services (including on-demand access, routes, and assistance for clients with special needs) currently provided by the agencies referenced above. Otherwise, these agencies would have to continue providing these same transportation services in whole, or in part, which would likely result in a fiscal impact for these agencies.

This fiscal impact only details the funding in those agencies specifically listed in the Bill. There may be other agencies, most notably Vocational Rehabilitation, that also provide transit services for clients.

The General Assembly may choose to address language in Section 12-28-2725, which states that a portion of Gas Tax Revenue must be used by the Department of Transportation for mass transit, so as to allow these funds to be used by the Mobility Development Authority.

Approved by:



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